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SUBJECT: UNEP: LUNCHEON WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) NAIROBI 1952, (B) NAIROBI 2081, (C) STATE 042643

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS (A) & (B), AMBASSADOR
MARSHALL WILL RETURN SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S HOSPITALITY
BY HOSTING A LUNCH ON MARCH 16 AT WHICH THE PRINCIPAL
TOPIC WILL AGAIN BE UNEP.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE INVITED SOVIETS TO LET US KNOW IF
THEY WISH TO DISCUSS ANY PARTICULAR TOPICS, THEY HAVE
NOT YET DONE SO.

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3. WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THEM WITH A SMALL AGENDA
FOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

4. AMONG THE TOPICS WE WOULD SUGGEST FOR DISCUSSION
ARE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) PRESIDENCY OF GC/V: THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

OF STATES IS THE ONLY GROUP WHICH HAS NOT YET SUPPLIED A PRESIDENT FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ASK THE SOVIETS WHO THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR GROUP MIGHT BE.

(B) FUTURE SUPPORT FOR UNEP: WE WOULD PROPOSE TO INDICATE TO THE SOVIETS THAT WE HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE EXDIR'S PROPOSAL FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEAR PLEDGE PERIOD AND HIS TARGET FOR DOLS 190 MILLION. WE WOULD INDICATE OUR POSITION AS SET FORTH IN OUR LETTER (REF C) OF FEBRUARY 28 TO TOLBA.

(C) WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE TO ASK SOVIETS FOR A STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE WHICH THEY WILL HOST. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE NOT PROGRESSING TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE USG OR UNEP. THE LATEST DELAY IN PREPARATION WAS THE POSTPONEMENT BY FOUR WEEKS TO MARCH 14-18 THE MEETING OF UNESCO, UNEP, ICUN AND THE HOST GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THE INFORMAL LUNCHEON WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT INFORMALLY TO THE SOVIETS OUR CONCERNs ABOUT THE LACK OF INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THESE PREPARATIONS. WE MIGHT ALSO REPORT ON THE PRESSURES WE ARE GETTING FROM NGOS TO HAVE A FORUM ALONG SIDE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING.

(D) WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH US TO PASS ALONG OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE OZONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAYER MEETING (MARCH 1 - 9) AND IN PARTICULAR ANY IMPRESSIONS ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION (IF IN FACT THEY DID PARTICIPATE) OR ABOUT FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD IN WHICH THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE INVOLVED.

(E) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON ANY OTHER TOPICS OR ASPECTS OF GC/V THAT IT THINKS MIGHT USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SOVIETS IN THIS INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND REACTIONS TO SUGGESTIONS MADE IN REF (B) WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. ANY SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDANCE ON THE TOPICS OUTLINED ABOVE SHOULD REACH THE EMBASSY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MARCH 11 SO THAT WE CAN SUBMIT AN AGENDA TO THE SOVIETS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON ON MARCH 16.

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